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In re Patent Application of:

Kenichi Aota et al.

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For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF SHAFT BODY  
AND SHAFT JOINT

Examiner: E. Garcia

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and includes replacement sheets attached hereto as Appendix A.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.